

ALUMNI

MESSAGE FROM
THE ALUMNI BOARD

DEAR FELLOW ALUMNI,

I've always believed that we could not have achieved our many successes without the support of alumni. Whether it is volunteering our time, attending events, hiring UM Carey Law graduates, or making a donation, alumni have been invaluable contributors to the law school's growth in size and stature. UM Carey Law's academic programs continue to gain global recognition. And following our most recent graduation, the Alumni Board now represents more than 11,000 active graduates.

To continue building our partnership with our alma mater, the Alumni Board is committed to engaging more alumni. We ask that you join us in this effort. If you know

fellow alumni who have not heard from us recently, encourage them to visit our website at www.law.umaryland.edu or contact the Office of Development & Alumni Relations to update their contact information. We also ask that you make a habit of visiting the site so you can learn about upcoming events that might interest you.

I am honored to serve as the new president of the Alumni Board. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can over the next year. More importantly, I look forward to joining efforts with you as we continue University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law's upward trajectory of success.

Sincerely,

James R. Benjamin, Jr. '01
Alumni Board President
Pessin Katz Law, P.A.

WE WELCOME THESE
NEW ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS**Maria A. Apostolaros '03**

*Senior Director, Medical & Scientific Affairs
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*Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
Department of Juvenile Services*

WE THANK THESE LONGTIME BOARD MEMBERS
FOR THEIR COMMITMENT AND SERVICE

Heather D. Clark '98

Arielle A. Harry-Bess '04

Veronica R. Jennings '06

Stanley Rohd '66



COURTESY OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

Mary Ellen Barbera '84



2012 DEAN'S CONVOCATION AND ALUMNI AWARDS

»»»»» **1.** 2012 Alumni Board Vice President James Benjamin '01 (center) and Dean Phoebe Haddon (right) present the Distinguished Graduate Award to the Honorable Joseph D. Tydings '53 (left). Senator Tydings served in World War II before obtaining his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Maryland. After a few years in private practice, he won his first term in the Maryland House of Delegates, where he served on both the Judiciary and Education Committees, and introduced legislation creating the state system for regulation of the savings and loan industry.

»»»»» **2.** Lois K. Macht '56, the recipient of the Star Award, was one of only two women law students in her graduating class and was awarded the Order of the Coif. She opened the doors for later generations of women who would follow her into the profession. For several decades she led the Morton and Sophia Macht Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Baltimore dedicated to funding art and cultural programs, higher education, human services projects, and Jewish agencies. She also served as a member of UM Carey Law's Board of Visitors.

»»»»» **3.** Beth Pepper '83 (center) was the recipient of the Benjamin L. Cardin Public Service Award. Pepper served for many years on the legal panel of Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc., a nonprofit organization that promotes fair housing in Maryland, and helped it succeed in several important court cases. She was also board president of the Village Learning Place, a nonprofit community learning center in Baltimore City that provides after-school services to school-aged children. She is currently a board member of the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau, one of the premier legal services agencies that represent low-income individuals in the state of Maryland.

»»»»» **4.** Michael Siri '01, (center) the recipient of the Rising Star award, is a partner in Bowie & Jensen's litigation department, where his practice focuses on commercial litigation, including construction law. He is committed to public service and the professional development of all attorneys. An active member of the Maryland State Bar Association, he is the former chair of the MSBA Young Lawyers Section and has served on the MSBA's Board of Governors. He also serves as board member of the Maryland Bar Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the MSBA, and the Executive Board of the Baltimore County Bar Association. He created the One Bar|One Community Public Service Project for the MSBA.

MARY ELLEN BARBERA '84 NAMED TO HIGHEST POST IN MARYLAND JUDICIARY

ON July 3, 2013, Governor Martin O'Malley '88 announced the appointment of The Honorable Mary Ellen Barbera '84 as Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals, the state's highest court. Barbera will replace retiring Chief Judge Robert Bell, a member of Maryland Carey Law's Board of Visitors who has led the court since 1996.

Barbera is the first woman to hold the post of chief judge. She spoke in August to new UM Carey Law students during orientation, and she has also joined the School of Law's Board of Visitors.

O'Malley also announced the appointments of three more women to the trial

courts, including alumna Stacey Adele Mayer '97, his chief legislative officer, who was named to the District Court for Baltimore County.

"These appointments are wonderful news for the state of Maryland—and not just because all of these women have proven records as leaders in our profession," said Dean Phoebe Haddon. "Their appointments reflect a culture of inclusion, prevalent in the state, where gender and racial diversity continue to grow."

Judge Barbera has been a public servant and a leader throughout her career. In the early 1980s, she taught elementary school

for the Baltimore City Public School System while attending the school of law at night. From 1985 to 1989, she worked for the Criminal Appeals Division of the Office of the Attorney General, where she represented the state of Maryland in at least 250 criminal appeals. From 1998 to 2002, she served as legal counsel to Governor Parris N. Glendening. Barbera served as an Associate Judge on the Court of Special Appeals before being named to the Maryland Court of Appeals in 2008.